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Comments:

Mr. Kessler:

Attached is a draft amendment that amends claims 1, 4, 6 and 8 to provide proper antecedent basis and to clarify the function set forth in claim 1. Please let me know if this amendment is acceptable. If so, I will enter it by examiner's amendment. Thank you for your help with this matter.

Regards,

Examiner Tom Morrison

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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for transporting an essentially sheet-shaped element, particularly for transporting a print material sheet in a printing press comprising: at least one rotating transport which transports a sheet-shaped element from a grasping location to a delivery location and delivers it there, said transport having at least one mouth-like receptacle for taking hold of and entraining the sheet-shaped element for introducing ^{the} front-edge region of ^{the} sheet-shaped element, and including at least one flexional core which is at least fragmentarily present for bending the sheet-shaped element during the entraining over a rotation or curvature radius, ^{and} at least one grasping device in the region of the mouth-like receptacle, said grasping device is a cam disk which is rotatable about an axis which is parallel to the rotational axis of said transport and is supported on said transport such that said cam disk closes said mouth-like receptacle in at least one relative rotational position with respect to the transport and leaves said mouth-like receptacle open in at least one other relative rotational position, said grasping device and said transport are drivable in a rotating manner at a predetermined rotational speed ratio with respect to one another.

and means for driving

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

^a 4. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to Claim 1, ~~wherein~~ ^{having} plurality of mouth-like receptacles, ~~are~~ arranged equally distributed over a 360° angle.

5. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to Claim 3, wherein the ratio of the rotational speed of ~~the~~ said transport to the rotational speed of ~~the~~ said grasping device is set to 1:2.

6. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said at least one mouth-like receptacle is formed ~~essentially~~ as a slot, the length of said slot being such as to include movement play for the front edge of the sheet-shaped element without ^{the} risk of pushing the front edge on the slot bottom of said slot.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Original) The apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said grasping device has a surface with a relatively high coefficient of friction, and said mouth-like receptacle has at least one inner surface with a relatively low coefficient of friction with respect to ~~the~~ ^{the} material of ~~a~~ ^{the} sheet-shaped element.

9. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein, in the region of the delivery location, a fixed stop is arranged with respect to ~~the~~ said transport for the front edge of the sheet-shaped element which is inserted in the receptacle.

10. (Original) The apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein several transports are provided spaced coaxially from one another.

11. (Original) The apparatus according to Claim 10, wherein two transports are arranged in a mirror image with respect to a mirror plane perpendicular to the rotational axis.